

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-15 allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant's arguments filed on 6/30/08 are found persuasive. Specifically, Jacobs ('487) fails to disclose the claimed aromatic content of the polyurethane and Wallon ('914) fails to disclose the claimed liquid polyester or polyether polyols with the claimed aromatic content. In addition, the polyesters of Wallon are solid at room temperature, according to their viscosity and K values.

Furthermore, it is noted that JP2003-277601 describes a similar dispersion of a polyurethane resin and a hydrophobic resin. However, nowhere in JP2003-277601 is there a mention of the desired aromatic content of the polyurethane or hydrophobic resin. While the hydrophobic resin may be a polyester or polyether (¶0035), the reference is silent on the precursors. In addition, there is nothing in the prior art to render obvious the claimed aromatic content.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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